GOVERNOR URGED TO SIGN BILLS ON TICKET GOUGING

Theatre a Public Utility and Patrons Should Be Protected, It Is Argued.

MANY AT HEARING

 United Plea of Producers, Authors, Actors and Public Impresses Miller.

> By Sophie Irene Loeb. (Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

ALBANY, March 31 .- One of the most impressive hearings held before the Governor this year, and perhaps for many a year, according to those in charge, was that of yesterday afternoon, before Gov. Miller on two theatre ticket bills, the principal one being the Walton-Bloch bill.

This measure provides that specu lators shall be licensed and shall not charge more than 50 cents above the box office price, and it has been strongly urged by this newspaper as the means of giving the public relief from the extortionate prices charged by theatre ticket speculators.

The other bill, the Smith bill, provides that a manager must write on the back of a ticket whether he permits more than 50 cents to be charged

The principal speakers for the Walton-Bloch bill were Augustus Thomas, representing the Society of American Dramatists; Actors' Equity Association, Actors' Fidelity League and the Producing Managers' Asso ciation of America; John Golden, who spoke for the Producing Managers' Association of America; John Mc-Bride, ticket broker; Senator Walton and Assemblyman Bloch, the latter two being the sponsors of the bill in the Senate and the Assembly. The writer also was a speaker.

Opposition to the bill was presented by Louis Marshall, attorney, who spoke in the interest of the speculators.

The Governor was keenly alive to the entire discussion, which lasted several hours, and manifested great interest in the arguments presented to him. He injected a few remarks that showed he was giving serious consideration to this proposed statute. WHY THE GOVERNOR WAS OFF-ISH LAST YEAR.

He also stated that last year, when a similar measure was up for his sig-nature, he asked for briefs on the subject by the proponents of the measure, but these were not forthoming. He said about last year's

"I expressed my doubt as to its validity, treating this as a question of an article of commerce and perhaps not giving full weight to all of the considerations that have been addressed to me to-day, but I asked the proponents of the measure then to subnit to me some reason, just one which would indicate that the Lill was valid, and I waited in vain for a single reason to be advanced for its constitutionality.
"The sponsors of the bill had plent)

of time to give me some reason or furnish proof. There was not enough confidence in its validity."

Mr. Marshall, who was heard first. dwelt at great length on various courality of the measure. He also blamed the producers for the high prices charged for theatre tickets. have assumed such proportions "that the public is bleeding at every pore

It was this phrase that was taken up by the other speakers in their appeal to the Governor to recognize the fact that because of this condition as to theatres that it was declared in the measure passed by the Legislature that the theatres are "affected with public use and subject to regulation This was the chief point of the entire

Walton pointed to the recent decis-ions of the housing bills and the taxicab bills, which declared these utilities to be clothed with a public

THE POWERFUL PLEA OF MR. GOLDEN.

Mr. Golden, in a brief but most sincere statement very much to the point, begged the Governor to sign this remedial legislation. He said that his organization included the names of practically every produces of good and clean plays in America and they urged it as a means of pro-tecting the public and obviating the abuses that have grown intolerable and that they, the managers, no longer wished to be covered with the odium that they were sharing in the profiteering of the speculators.

"I have produced a number of successful plays," he said, "and I have never yet received one cent morthan the price marked on the theatre

The Governor seemed greatly impressed with Mr. Golden's answer to the question as to whether the producers could not themselves remedy the evil com-plained of. Mr. Golden said:

"Without this prospective law we are powerless, for any one purchasing tickets at the box office can in turn sell them for

any price he pleases.
"The producers and managers want to be placed on record as aligning themselves for any

movement that can tend to help (Continued on Sixth Tages)

American Morality Too Good to Be True; Most Coerced Country, Says W. L. George

81 81 83 "Your rich and poor shift from one state to another, according to facilities offered for changing husbands and wives." for changing husbands and wives." After Tour

"You legalize your free love. Why be immoral when it is really easy to be legal?" 'You do things in a hurry. That's one reason why you are trying to reform yourselves in a hurry."

"Only way to make this a truly moral universe is to go to the root of all difficulties and suppress women."

of it. A nicely brought up young

girl is supposed to know nothing

at all about it-certainly not to know that is is controllable. If

to suppressing women, we the

suppress propagation, is not that

"But the men also will be sun

pressed?" Mrs. George exclaimed

with triumph, if may remark that in an interview with the

Georges, I am accustomed to letting these conjugal arguments

pass, as it were, over my pros-

"Yet man is a weak animal, easily led into temptation, Adam

proved that. Then what would

be the loss to the world if he also

were abolished in the name of

"There are difficulties in the

way of this programme," its ex-

pennder went on thoughtfully. The first difficulty would be in

finding the myn to suppress the women. Any man who has tried

to suppress even ONE woman knows what he would be up

against. Furthermore, there seems little doubt that the women

would make a frightful noise

while they were being sup-pressed. Nevertheless, in the in-

terests of trace morality, I can see

"And America IS a moral coun-

try," repeated Mr. George, with conviction. It is true that I

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noral na life seems. Your papers

are full of sex orthog. Every

business man, it is assumed, is

rapher. Yet probably there are

fewer unmoint and relationships here than elsewhere for two rea-

sons. One of these is that your men are too mis. They haven't the time to ennor forbidden love

utfairs, and they are too tired. Chastity is after a matter of

"The other reason is that di-

vorce is so casy in many of your States Both your itch and your poor can shift their residence from one State to another, ac-

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Mr. George advanced a novel

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True," admitted the novelist.

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morality?

By Marguerite Mooers Marshall.

"America's morality," observed W. L. George smoothly, "impresses me as something that is too good to be true!"

We sat at a little table in the Ritz diningroom, piquantly pretty Mrs. George, the brilliant author of "Ursula Trent," "The Second Blooming" and other novels, and myself. Mr. and Mrs. George had just returned to New York after an eight months' cross continental tour, during which they visited every State. They sail to-day for England. And because I couldn't think of any feature of the Amer-



ican scene which just now thrusts itself more insistently upon the notice of the cosmopolitan visitor, I asked Mr. George if he would not talk a bit about "Moral America," on another Englishman, Winston Churchill, admiringly (of course) christened us not

of Country

W. L. George,

Novelist,

Summarizes:

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"Did you ever see so much purity to the square mile in any other country." I demanded. "Aren't you filled with admiration for our attempts to restrict the length of women's skirts, to regulate the number of inches which shall separate dancing couples, to put c garettes on the tabon list along with the lost cocktail, to make girls wear stockings with batting suits, to consor movies, plays and books, to forbid the teaching of the Darwinian theory? Personally, I think that lize in America to day intight described as a continuous mocal hazard. One simply never knows when one is breaking the law.

Whereupon Mr. George, who had been entaged in finishing his oysters, made the epigrammatic comment quoted at the beginning of this story.

"You are," he conceded can didly, "the most coerced country I have ever visited. And yet I have always cherished the theory that Americans themselves are Englishmen or Frenchmen of any other people. They tell me' -his brown eyes twinkled-"that there never were so trany people in Kentucky reading Darwin as just now. I understand that special editions were prepared to ship over the border. Boot-legging Darwin is indeed some-thing of a novelly!" Before we go any further, how-

ever, and lest any of Mr. George's devoted readers in Kentucky or Kansas or other abodes of 100 per cent, virtue misunderstand him. I wish to propose him as a charter member of the Blue Law League He qualified in his next afterance

"I am convinced," he declared "and I have given the subject not a little thought, that the only way to make this a tente moral universe is to go to the root of all difficulties and suppress WOMEN.

"That is America's next logicalstep. Why strike at branches when the root remains? Most of these things which you are now engaged in suppressing the over-exposite in women's dress, female cigarette, the statue of Civic Virtue trampling on the sirens-what are they but moral problems centring about women? I open your newspapers and what do I find? The Stokes suit, the the Hollis case—a woman back of each of them. Of course there may be a few burglaries in which

women do not appear"-"Yet Mr. Enright, our Police Commissioner, told us a few months are that we must expect an extra number of hold-ups because the gunmen wanted to get Christmas presents for their girls," I interrupted.

"A very good instance to prove my point that the feminine element is somehow involved in all our moral questions," concurred "So why not la truly consistent in reform, and suppress the women them-

"And how would you propa-gate the species?" Mrs. George inquired on a note of mild sar-"I am coming to that," said her

husband secondly. "Let me point out that there are grove

propagation of the species. We

doubts as to the mornity

"There are minorities, if you like, backing many of your reform movements. But they triumply through the votes of the unalm ty. The minorities want to so samething, and they know definitely what they want to do.

FIRST DIRT TURNED FOR VEHICLE TUBE UNDER THE HUDSON

Excavation for Power Plan Begun at Canal and West

The first spadeful of earth was urned at 9.16 o'clock this morning or the Hudson River Vehicular Tun neis. It was dug at Canal and West Street by Clifford M. Holland, chief engineer. The second was turned by M. L. Quinn, general superintendent of Booth & Pyne, Ltd., the contractors. Other off clais looked en. Then a gang of regular laborer cent to work excavating for the powe plant which will operate the tunneling muchinery. There are to be two of these plants, one on each side of the river. The one on the New York side

5,000 horse power. The New York entrance will be a Broome and Varick Streets, and the exit at Canal and Variek. As it will be necessary to go under the Eric

will be of 3,500 horse power, the other

Most persons, you see, do not have an opinion. They have only in obedience."

"But don't you think the censorships, present and proposed, will be a bad thing for American art " I urged.

"Consorrido is atways a last thing for art," said Mr. George. "and yet art climbs over common ship Your 'Jurgen' is selling much better now than before it was prescribed. In the same way, a law in which many persons do not believe will be broken." "And, after all," I suggested.

wickedly, "the multiplicity of rules and regulations also multiplies life's thrills. Take that matter of wearing stockings with bathing suits. If there were no edinance to forbid it, a stock on less woman would step into the seran as unconsciously as all steps into her tub. On the other hand, if she and the held, bad men on the beach have been told that a leg sans stocking is m moral, they get a real sensation from the spectacle!"

Mr. George smited. "Let us, then, arge the renbates all to join as many blue law societies as possible," he suggest ed, "and work for more restric-tion rather than less. They may as well do so, anyway, for I see no signs of a let-down in Amerlea's moral code. More probible what's ahead of you for some time to come! Although I'm at ald I'm rather cold on the war question," he added as we rese from the luncheon table

"Naturally," I said, "You can go home to England and empre reformation and forget it! We're

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Following data given out yestering adicate the magnitude of the workbetween portals, 8,330 feet; distance translaw is low mean high water, between river sharts, 3,375 feet; nmety-three feet, length of under-river portion, 5,488 Ventiation methods provide for feet; two readways, each twenty feet remarkant the air forty times on hour

Young Wife Spurned by Husband Shoots Him Dead in Street as Their Little Boy Plays Nearby

Woman Separated When a Bride. Deserted in Illness After Month's Reunion, Slavs Man Who Refuses to Return.

It mount nothing to eight-year-old hot find her husband, who had gone dvators Macniza as he played about to live somewhere in Bedoldyn. Sh was cared for by triemis at No. 1762 is rooms of the Children's Society. doy that his rather was dead and First Avenue. he bright lights of Harlem's "Little taly," and heard the loud noise made the pastel when his mother fires ? And wasn't be there with the ig crowd when the speedy wagon ith clanging gong came to take his they away? Life had meant much Salvatore within a few brief hours That with Salvatore's pretty young other tother looked different to-day as size saw them through the bars of the string to his new toy wagdn. well and is to be arraigned on a unity of murder, She speaks no 111th Street. y an tistian detective.

As Frances De Augelo she was marof to Cassional Macrosa in Haly nine sucs are. She was eighteen and he as twenty two Soon after Salvaore came her husband left for Amera. A few months ago he sent for r and the boy. They lived together month, then she became ill because her hosiond's treatment and had to o to a mapital.

Her husband did not go near be not she did not loany how Salvator

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"No" he repited: "What good is sick wife"

'What do I care'" he retorted, "A netty woman like you will not starve."

ranged for the couple to meet yester

fattle Salvatore was taken to

store and a toy wagen he had admire

was bought to him. Then his fathe

much talk. Governm and his will

went to the street to continue their

discussion. The mother kept hold of

Salvafore's more and he most hold

They rendered from Avenue and

"Are we make to live together

gain," the noman asked her has

day and talk over their difficulties.

She dropped Salvatore's hand, from per waist drew a revolver, one she e-deserted her-

She fired one shot, her husband lutched his abdomen, ran a few deps, and ich. She followed and ired four more fullets into him as he ay on the sidewalk. When Policeman Rellly ran up she was still snapping he revolver, all the shells in which

'Why did you do 11.2" she w "Ask him." she replied, pointing

side his mother to the police station

Little Salvatore had run en with is toy wagon but couldn't figure our what it meant. He stuck close be

and cried when they took him away to the Unildren's Society rooms. Hut a to him father, he had called him 'gadre'' for only a short time and

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